

**APPLICATION
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
BANKRUPTCY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM PANEL**

Counties in which you are willing to serve as a Resolution Advocate:

Baltimore City and County; Anne Arundel County; Howard County;
Carroll County; Harford County

If you are also applying to be a Paid Resolution Advocate, rates charged:

\$150 - \$250/hour

Additional Information: CV attached

I hereby certify that the information set-forth above is true and correct.¹ I agree to serve for a minimum of one year and to act as an unpaid Resolution Advocate in matters, not to exceed one matter per calendar quarter.

August 8, 2003
Date

Signature

Robert J. Seiner

¹ It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit an amended application if any information contained on this application changes.

Robert L. Siems
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EXPERIENCE:

Law Offices of Robert L. Siems, P.A. 8/99 to present

GF Practices, Inc., www.gfpractices.com, Baltimore, Maryland, **President**, 8/99 to present: Founded to manage national extracontractual litigation, major injury litigation and fraudulent claim investigations for the Property & Casualty Industry and Risk Management Industry and to educate the industry on these and related issues

ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, Group
Counsel/ National Extracontractual Claims Counsel, Assistant Vice President, 3/98 to 8/99

- Management of all extracontractual litigation against St. Paul nationwide including Commercial Lines, Personal Lines, E&O, Surety, and Property
- Management of major injury litigation against St. Paul and its insureds in the Mid-West
- General Counsel to company's Special Investigation Unit
- Hired, supervised and provided guidance to team of attorneys and claim professionals

USF&G, Group Counsel, Assistant Vice President, 1992 to 1998

- Management of all extracontractual litigation against USF&G nationwide
- Management of all major injury litigation against USF&G and its insureds in the Mid-West
- Claims counsel to Family Business and Insurance Group
- Hired, supervised and provided guidance to team of attorneys and claim professionals

FRANCOMANO, KARPOOK AND SIEMS, Partner, 1991 to 1992

- Managing Litigation Counsel in 7-attorney firm representing businesses in Maryland, and nationally, insurance companies and individual clients.

COHAN AND FRANCOMANO, Partner, 1990

- Managing Litigation Counsel in 11-attorney firm that was predecessor to above firm.

O'DOHERTY, GALLAGHER AND NEAD, Associate/Partner, 1981 to 1990

- Tried over 50 cases to jury verdict for insurance companies and their insureds

VERDERAIME AND DUBOIS, P.A., Associate, 1979 to 1981

EDUCATION:

Executive M.B.A., 2000

LOYOLA COLLEGE, Baltimore, Maryland

Juris Doctor, 1979

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, Maryland

- Outstanding Advocate Award
- Treasurer, Student Bar Association
- Coordinator, Prisoner Information Services (ABA Award)

B.A. in English, 1974

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, Coral Gables, Florida

Academic Diploma, 1970

GILMAN SCHOOL, Baltimore, Maryland

CERTIFICATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS

- CPCU, 1997

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Admitted, Maryland State Bar (1979) and United States District Court (1980)
Martindale-Hubbell A rating
- Member, Maryland State Bar Association
- Instructor and Author, Maryland Institute of Continuing Programs for the Education of Lawyers
- Member, Maryland Defense Counsel, Inc., current; President 1989-1990
- Member, Defense Research Institute (DRI)
 - Instructor and Author-1997 Annual DRI Seminar "Law of Mediation: Court Decisions and Legal Issues", Washington D.C.
 - Instructor: Negotiations in Excess and Reinsurance at 1999 DRI Excess and Reinsurance Seminar, New Orleans, LA.
- DRI Outstanding Service Award, 1990
- Marquis Who's Who in American Law
- Appointed Civil Mediator for the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County, 2001- 2003.

- Defense Research Institute liaison for Trial Tactics and Techniques Committee for DRI International Conference (May, 2001)
- Forty Hour Skills Based Workshop in Mediation Training (MICPEL, student, Dec. 2000)

EXTRACONTRACTUAL CASE WORK

- Legal Consultant on bad faith issues: *Employers Reinsurance Corporation v. Pioneer Electronics, Inc. (2000)*
- Expert witness for Defense: *Westchester Fire Insurance Company v. ATC/Vancom, Inc.*
- Expert witness for Defense: *American Manufactures Mutual Insurance Company v. Merastar Insurance Company*
- Expert witness for Defendant/Counter-claimant: *Safeway Insurance Company v. Steven Botma; Patricia Himes v. General Motors Corporation*
- Expert witness for Plaintiff/Insured: *Terry v. Medical Mutual*

REFERENCES

John W. Bell; Johnson & Bell LTD.; Suite 2200, 222 North LaSalle Street; Chicago, Illinois 60601; (312) 372 – 0770

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Robert Kiesler; Kielser & Berman; Suite 1300, 188 W. Randolph Street; Chicago, Illinois 60601; (312) 332 – 2840